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INTERVIEW REQUEST

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Applicant: Gilles Soucy et al.
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Examiner: Jason R Bellinger
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Sir,

Please see attached Interview Request regarding the subject file and kindly acknowledge safe receipt by return fax.

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INTERVIEW REQUEST

Sir:

In furtherance of the Office Action of April 25, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests a phone interview with the Examiner, Jason R. Bellinger.

First, the Applicant wishes to discuss whether the U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296, granted to André Deland and François Duquette, and assigned to Soucy International Inc., which was cited as a prior art reference, was in fact citable against the present patent application. Indeed, both the U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296 and the above-mentioned patent application are assigned to the same corporation and have been co-pending. According to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1), the U.S. Patent No. 6,793,296 should not be citable.

Second, and based on the above, the Applicant wishes to discuss if the Examiner can withdraw his final Office Action.

It is to be noted that the Applicant is willing to sign a terminal disclaimer if necessary.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to provide the date and the time on which he is available for such a phone conference. The Examiner can communicate his preferred time and date to Mr. Robert Brouillette, Applicant's agent of record, by phone (514) 397-6900 or via e-mail at rb@brouillette.ca.

All conversations should be directed to Mr. Robert Brouillette, Applicant's agent of record.

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